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OUTLINES.

Senator Butler, of North Carolina, opposes confirmation by the Senate of the nomination of H. G. Ewart for the U. S. District Court judgeship.—— The Military Academy appropriation bill passed the House; in the Senate Senator Morgan offered an amendment to the resolution of Senator White, providing for the annexation of Hawaii. —— Spain refuses offers of friendly mediation by the United States in Cuba, and refuses to fix a date for completion of pacification of the island. —— The N. C. Supreme Court granted licenses to forty-six young lawyers. —— Highland Park hotel, Aiken, S. C., destroyed by fire; loss $40,000. —— The Catholic cathedral at Savannah, Ga., burned; it cost $225,000. —— Public feeling in Madrid among all classes is strong against the United States. —— Stockholders of the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal Company elected Robt. M. Cannon president and Hon. Warren G. Elliott director. —— A syndicate of bankers will take the entire issue of first mortgage bonds of the Charleston & Western Carolina railroad. —— Consul General Lee transmits to the State Department at Washington, D. C., his official report of the execution of the Spanish Col. Ruiz by the insurgents, showing that the latter entered the insurgents camp not under a flag of truce or other official protection. —— An Indiana dealer is endeavoring to form a peanut trust, of eighteen factories in Virginia and seven in the West. —— Senator Teller spoke for four hours yesterday in executive session of the Senate in advocacy of the ratification of the Hawaiian annexation treaty. —— Republican members of the House Committee on Banking and Currency were in session yesterday to consider Representative Fowler's bill for a revision of the currency. —— Officers of the U. S. cruiser Montgomery at Matanzas distributed a considerable amount of alms among the reconcentrados. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½ per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent.; cotton quiet—middling 6 1-16c; flour was again inactive at barely steady prices—city mill patents $5.50@5.90; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red $1.03½; corn—spot steady, No. 2 36½c; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.

Temperature: 8 A.M.,32 deg.; 8 P.M., 45 deg.; maximum, 54 deg.; minimum, 31 deg.; mean, 42 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .21.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A ridge of high barometer extends from the middle gulf northeast to over the New England States, with fair warmer weather reported under it. Over the central western valleys fair and much warmer weather prevails but with increasing cloudiness under a low barometer area developing over Kansas. A light shower is reported from St. Louis.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Tuesday:—Fair, warmer weather, with east to south winds.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 3.8 feet.

Port Almanac---February 8.

Sun Rises	6.56 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.33 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 37 M.
High Water at Southport	8.35 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	10.05 A. M.

A recent bicycle census in France shows that there are 329,813 bikes in that country, an increase of 73,734 over the previous year.

An exchange informs us that "Yukon" means "nothing to eat." Pshaw. We thought it meant "deer meat" or dear meat, or something of that kind.

It is estimated that California has produced since the discovery of gold on the Pacific in 1848 $1,300,398,779 worth of the stuff and they are still gouging the earth for it.

Dr. Schwartz, a Berlin physician, quotes statistics to show that married people live longer than unmarried. They have to hustle around more and become tougher.

There is more in a match than a little bit of wood tipped with a combustible. Enough are sold in this country annually to give to the Trust a profit of nearly $2,000,000 a year.

London is said to have lots of cranks who are hankering to kill actors. This is rough on the actors, but if these cranks showed discriminating judgment the public might be resigned.

One New York man isn't hankering for litigation as much as he was. He brought suit for one dollar, lost his case, and had to pay $37.56 costs. He did some swearing probably on the trial, and more of it after.

The Treasury officials are kicking against receiving so much gold. They have no use for it and do not like the idea of having it dumped in on them by parties who have no use for it either, but turn it over to the Government to take care of until they want it.

CRISIS NEAR AT HAND.

Cuban affairs seem to be rapidly approaching a crisis, and all indications now warrant the conclusion that there will be some kind of intervention by the United States within sixty days. It is not probable that the terms of settlement this government will propose will be satisfactory to the Cubans and their millions of sympathizers in this country. It is more likely to be what President McKinley termed in his annual message "a righteous peace, just alike to Cubans and to Spain, as well as equitable to all our interests so intimately involved in the welfare of Cuba." To a reflective mind this does not mean Cuban independence through any intervention by the United States, as the McKinley administration views everything from the commercial standpoint. Still, it is not impossible that the terms the United States may propose may not be acceptable to Spain (unless there is already an understanding between the two powers) in which event Cuba may be free. In the meantime, stirring events are rapidly approaching a climax.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. Hicks Bunting—Violets.
E. VanLaer—More new pianos.
Opera House—Wilbur Opera Co.
Masonic—Meeting St. John's Longe.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

L. T. Bowden—Best butter.
D. O'Connor—For rent.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. D. L. Cherry, of Long Creek, is in the city.

— Mr. C. R. Leonhart, of Chadbourn, was here yesterday.

— Mr. F. M. Foy, of Scott's Hill, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. S. Hartsfield, of Newbern, was at the Orton yesterday.

— Mr. Jas. K. Morisey, of Clinton, was a guest at the Orton yesterday.

— Mr. E. H. Jennings, a well known citizen of Fayetteville, is at the Orton.

— Mrs. J. H. Dreher and child, of this city, are visiting relatives in Winston-Salem.

— Mr. R. A. G. Barnes, the popular agent for the Atlantic Coast Line at Hope Mills, is in the city.

— Mr. R. S. Mebane, representing W. H. Brown & Bros., druggists, of Baltimore, is in the city working the drug trade. He will be here until Thursday.

CAPE FEAR AND YADKIN VALLEY.

Report That Circuit Court of Appeals Will Reverse Judge Simonton—But Decision Not Filed.

A telegram received here from Raleigh yesterday by a Wilmington attorney who is of counsel in the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad case, seems to concede that the descision of the United States Circuit Court of Apeals, though nor yet filed, will reverse the decision of Judge Simonton to the extent of ordering what is known as a dual sale of the road—that is, that the property shall first be offered as a whole, and if the highest bid made is not satisfactory, another sale by divisions must be made at a price presumably, exceeding in the aggregate the amount bid for the whole road at the first sale.

If the information given above be correct, it is almost a foregone conclusion that the parties whose interests are antagonistic to those of the New York bondholders' committee will ask for a hearing before the United States Supreme Court.

BLUE RIDGE NATIONAL BANK.

Wilmington Well Represented in the List of Stockholders.

The following are among the stockholders, with amount subscribed by each, of the Blue Ridge National Bank recently established at Asheville.

WILMINGTON—J. W. Norwood, $7,200; Frank McNeill, $500; D. L. Gore, $1,000; E. K. Calder, $200; P. L. Bridgers, $1,000; F. D. Bolles, $100; Chas. E. Taylor, $200; W. J. Crosswell, $500; W. J. Crosswell, Jr., $200; H. M. Crosswell, $100; M. J. Heyer, $1,000.

H. Walters, of Baltimore, subscribed $5,000; G. A. Norwood, Sr., of Greenville, S. C., $15,000; G. A. Norwood, Jr., of Goldsboro, $2,000; H. D. Bridger, of Bladenboro, $1,000.

To Have a Trained Nurse.

It is very probable that the City Hospital will in a very short time have a trained nurse. Negotiations have about been completed by which Miss Lula Leggett, of Elm City, will be employed in this capacity. Miss Leggett is a graduate of Bellevue Hospital, New York city. The City Hospital committee have referred the matter to Col. F. W. Foster and Dr. S. P. Wright. Col. Foster says that he is reasonably sure that Miss Leggett will come to Wilmington.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

LOCAL DOTS.

—For other locals see fourth page.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night, all the virus was taken out of the vaccination ordinance.

— The Second Regiment Band will hold a meeting to-night to agree upon a date for the entertainment to be given soon.

— Mr. B. G. Empie is one of the young gentlemen granted license to practice law by the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

— The Wilbur-Kirwin Opera Company will present at the matinee to-morrow afternoon "Bohemian Girl." Admission 25 cents.

— The Board of Managers for the City Hospital will meet Thursday at noon, and the Audit Committee at 7.30 P. M. the same day.

— Bristow Hurst, the colored stevedore who was badly cut Saturday, is reported some better. However, his condition is still serious.

— Spirits turpentine was quoted yesterday at 33 cents per gallon for machine made casks. This is the highest figure it has reached in years.

—A big load of fish was brought up to the city yesterday on the sharpie *Fanny*. There were 2,000 pounds of drum, 500 pounds trout and 2,000 mullets.

— The STAR learns that Mr. Don MacRae will erect a brown stone residence on the corner of Third and Dock streets. It will be one of the handsomest building in the city.

— The STAR is requested to state that there will be a meeting of the board of Trustees of the Seamens' Friend Society in the Reading Room of the Sailors' Home this (Tuesday) afternoon at 4 o'clock.

— Mr. J. Hicks Bunting, wholesale and retail druggist, makes a very liberal offer this morning. He will buy bunches of violets and packages of home-made caramels. Here is a chance to make some money. Read his ad. carefully.

— The inspection of the Wilmington Light Infantry will be held at the armory at 8 o'clock to-night. After inspection the company will give an exhibition skirmish drill at Mr. I. B. Rhode's place, just beyond the National Cemetery. Blank cartridges will be used.

— The alarm of fire sent in at 9.10 o'clock yesterday morning from box 51 was occasioned by the burning out of a chimney at No. 613 Ann street. The house was occupied by Mary Phillips and was owned by Mrs. L. Vollers. The damage was very very slight.

— The Durham *Sun* says that arrangements are now being perfected for the construction of a long-distance Inter-State telephone line from Durham to Wilmington, and that the contract for the poles is now being made with a view to completing the line as soon as possible.

— In Justice Bunting's court yesterday, a peace warrant was taken out against Dave Brown by Jake Thompson. Thompson was made to pay the cost because the warrant was adjudged malicious. Justice McGowan heard the case in the absence of Justice Bunting, who was confined to his home by sickness.

— The 21.30 o'clock fire alarm yesterday was occasioned by a chimney burning out. The house was an old and badly dilapidated tenement at the corner of Sixth and Redcross streets. It was occupied by Oliver Smith, colored, and owned by Mrs. M. E. Heyer, Major O'Connor, agent. Damage was very slight. The roof caught, but burned very little.

— Saturday's Winston *Sentinel* says that Rev. Howard Rondthaler, who has been invited to conduct the special meetings for young men at the Y. M. C. A., is off on a pleasure trip to Philadelphia; but was expected back Saturday night, and that the letter of invitation from Secretary Diggs was awaiting his return.

Cape Fear Hose Reel Wrecked.

The hose reel of the Cape Fear Company was turned over and badly broken up while responding to the fire alarm at 12.30 o'clock yesterday. Three of the members of the company were also injured, but none of them seriously. They were turning the corner at the intersection of Third and Castle streets and saw just ahead of them an approaching phaeton, in which were two ladies and one or two children; to miss them a sharp turn had to be made which overturned the reel. The driver says it was a choice between wrecking the phaeton or making the turn that they did.

There were four men on the reel. Those hurt were foreman J. N. McDuffie, William Hall and David Spicer. Hall's arm was badly sprained. The other two men sustained right severe bruises. The shafts and wheels were about all that was saved from the reel. The horse was not injured.

At the Postoffice.

Everything was going on as usual in the postoffice yesterday, with the exception that there was a new occupant in the postmaster's office and a new temporary assitant postmaster in the registry and money order department, Mr. J. H. Robinson, of Goldsboro. Although his home is in Goldsboro, Mr. Robinson is well-known and very popular here, where he has spent much of his time during several years past as clerk to the Receiver of the old First National Bank.

DEATH THE REAPER.

Three Prominent and Venerable Citizens Have Passed to Their Final Reward.

AFTER LIVES OF USEFULNESS.

Mr. Michael Cronly and Mr. Charles H. Bradley of Wilmington and Mr. W. H. Willard of the City of Raleigh.

Mr. Michael Cronly, of the well known firm of Cronly & Morris, died at 10.50 o'clock Sunday morning at his residence, No. 215 South Third street. Mr. Cronly had reached the age of 72 years and for some time his health has been failing. Even while in feeble health, however, he gave his business his active attention until last June, when his familiar figure was missed from the streets and he was compelled to remain indoors. Since then he has been steadily declining and his death has been only a question of time. But he has held out remarkably well, the unusually active life that he had led enabling him to resist vigorously the approach of the dread destroyer.

He was born in New York city in April 1826, and came to this city when quite a child, making his home with his uncle, the late John A. Taylor. His first business experience he gained as a clerk of Mr. Robert G. Rankin, who was engaged in a wholesale commission and auction business. After a few years Mr. Cronly formed with the late Dr. John Walker, who afterwards went to California, and Eli W. Hall, who became a successful lawyer of this city, the firm of Cronly, Walker and Hall, commission merchants and auctioneers. This firm was dissolved after a year or two, when Mr. Cronly became associated in the commission and auction business with the late Alfred Martin under the firm name of Martin and Cronly. Shortly afterward, Mr. Cronly began business alone.

A few years later Mr. Wilkes Morris, who had begun with him as a clerk, became a partner and continued with him till his death with the exception of a period during the war, when Mr. Morris was in Nassau as the agent of the State of North Corolina. After the war the firm became Cronly & Morris, and they did a successful real estate, stock, bond, and auction business until Mr. Cronly's death.

Mr. Cronly was a member of St. John's Lodge of Masons, and some years ago was prominent in the affairs of that old and well known organization. He was one of the incorporators ot the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad, the Bank of New Hanover, the Navassa Guano Company, the Wilmington Charlotte and Rutherfordton Railroad, the Acme Mauufacturing Company, and was at one time President of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherfordton Railroad.

An interesting incident in Mr. Cronly's long and successful business career was the tremendous business that he transacted during the war in disposing at auction of the immense amount of merchandise that was brought in by the blockade runners. Wilmington, as is well known, was the base of the blockade runner's operations and at the auction sales were purchasers, merchants and others from all parts of the country, eager for the bargains which were constantly to be had.

Mr. Cronly married Miss Margaret McLaurin, a daughter of the late Neill McLaurin and a sister of Messrs. John and Joseph McLaurin. His wife survives with five sons and four daughters, Messrs. M. Cronly, Jr., D. T., W. N., R. D., and J. M. Cronly, the latter of New York, and Misses Jane, Sallie, Margaret and Mary Cronly.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence at 11 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Joseph M. Cronly, arrived from New York last evening to attend the funeral.

Mr. Chas. W. Bradley.

Mr. Stephen Jewett received on yesterday a telegram bringing the information that his uncle, Mr. Charles W. Bradley, had died at the Central Hospital in Raleigh at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Bradley's form was a very familiar one on the streets of Wilmington. He was almost totally blind and was obliged to have some one to lead him about. He left here January 10, for Raleigh, to receive treatment. A few days since the physicians wrote his relatives that he was threatened with La Grippe, and it was probably this that hastened his end.

Mr. Bradley never married, but lived with his sister, Mrs. L. A. Jewett. He was in his eighty-second year. The remains will arrive at 12.05 P. M. to-day over the Seaboard Air Line, and the funeral will take place at 4 o'clock from St. James' Episcopal church.

Mr. Wm. H. Willard.

Mr. Martin S. Willard, of this city, was in Raleigh yesterday to attend the funeral of his uncle, the late Mr. William H. Willard, who died at Rex Hospital in that city Sunday at 11 o'clock. Mr. A. A. Willard, of this city, brother of the deceased, was prevented from attending because of ill health.

The deceased was well known in Wilmington, having spent quite a good deal of his time here at different times, and was at the time of his death Vice President of the Willard Bag & Manufacturing Company, on Water street. He was also President of the Morehead Banking Co., the Willard Cotton Manufacturing Co. and the R. F. Morris & Son Tobacco Manufacturing Co., all of Durham. Besides these offices he has for the past thirty years been a director in the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Co. and was for quite a while President of the National Bank of Raleigh. Mr. Willard leaves quite a fortune, estimated at from $200,000, to $250,000.

He leaves two brothers and a sister. They are Mr. A. A. Willard, of Wilmington, Dr. A. J. Willard, of Burlington, Vt., and Miss Charlotte A. Willard, of New Haven, Con. Other near relatives in this city are Messrs. E. P. and Martin S. Willard and Mrs D. C. Whitted, respectively, nephews and niece. His only daughter, Mrs. Samuel A. Ashe, is dead, and nine grand children survive him.

The deceased was 78 years of age and had been in poor health for quite a while. A very difficult operation was performed two weeks ago from which he was thought to have been recovering nicely; but a heart trouble asserted itself a few days since, resulting in his death. The funeral took place at 1 o'clock yesterday.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

"Said Pasha" by the Wilbur-Kirwin Company—A Good Performance.

The Wilbur-Kirwin Opera Company opened a week's engagement last night to a large audience, presenting "Said Pasha," which was warmly received and well rendered. The title role was in the hands of that charming little actress, Miss Susie Kirwin, as *Serena*, the Pasha's daughter, which she portrayed with ease and grace; her singing in perfect accord and harmony with her acting. The comedy line was well sustained by those clever comedians Messrs. Muzzy and Harvey. To see them is to but appreciate a good joke, as they will keep you laughing all the time. The costumes are gorgeous. In fact, everythlng is in keeping, the singing and acting, to make up a first class performance. The living pictures were grand; the best ever seen here. The company is a strong one, each one in the cast fitted to his or her part. With these facts in view, they should play every night to packed houses.

To-night the company will present "Royal Middy" for the first time here.

INTERMENT AT OAKDALE.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Sarah E. Willson Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah E. Willson who died at 11 P. M. Saturday was conducted yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence of her son Mr. J. E. Willson, 615 Princess street, by Rev. A. P. Tyer, pastor of Grace M. E. church. There was a goodly number of friends and acquaintances, who had assembled to witness the last rites. The hymns "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Abide with Me" were rendered by a choir composed by Mrs. W. H. Shaw and Messrs. J. H. Davis and W. W. Hodges.

The interment was made at Oakdale and there was a profusion of beautiful flowers as testimonials of respect and sympathy from friends and acquaintances. One of the prettiest designs was a harp exquisitely arranged and sent by the Second Regiment Band.

The pall bearers were: Col. Jas. G. Burr, honorary; Col. Roger Moore, Messrs. B. F. Hall, C. H. Robinson, W. H. Northrop, H. P. West, and Jas. F. Post, Jr.

A Disabled Schooner.

The schooner, *Harry Prescott*, Captain Gray, bound from Union Island, Ga., to New York with lumber was towed in to Southport yesterday morning by the Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Company's tug *Blanche* in a disabled condition. She lost her jibboom in a "white squall" 10 miles to the Southward of Savannah at 4 o'clock Friday morning. Capt. Gray rigged his vessel up and got along without mishap until off Frying Pan Shoals Sunday morning when a blizzard from the North took away the iron from the forestay and came near sweeping the spars over the stern. The vessel wore around before the wind, put up preventor stays, and worked back under the lee of Cape Fear where early yesterday morning she was taken in tow by the *Blanche*. New sails have been ordered from New York and repairs will be made in about a week.

Fire at Magnolia.

About 10 o'clock Sunday morning fire broke out in a livery stable building at Magnolia, owned by Mr. H. E. Newbury. The building was completely destroyed, together with a corn-crib containing about 700 bushels of corn and some sheds containing two cars of guano and some hay. The loss was about $1,000 with only two hundred dollars insurance, on the building.

For a time it seemed that Mr. Newbury's large store to the west of the livery stable would be consumed also, but by heroic efforts of the citizens, white and black, men and women, more than 150 of whom were quickly at the scene of the conflagration, the store was saved.

Stolen Goods Found.

The officials are on the track of the persons who broke into Heikel Gideon's store Saturday morning. Yesterday, Police Sergeant Thomas Lossen and officer Jim Smith found in a two-story brick building in Racket Store alley, on Front between Dock and Orange, a quantity of clothing, and also some crockery and tinware that the same thief took from the Five and Ten Cent store. Officer Toomer, colored, found in stables in the same vicinity a number of coal shovels. Besides the goods secreted, the burglar had sold a good many articles.

BOARD IN SESSION.

Various Matters Discussed at the Meeting of the Aldermen Last Night.

COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

The Ordinance Emasculated on Motion of Alderman Walker—Petitions and Complaints of Citizens—The Matter of a Fire Boat.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular monthly session last night. Present, Mayor Wright and Aldermen Gore, Norwood, Walker, Hewlett, Benson, Morrill and Green. After the reading of the minutes of previous meetings reports of committees were called for. Alderman Hewlett, of the Market Committee, presented a claim of Alderman Norwood for work done near Front street market in 1896. Referred to Finance Committee.

Under the head of waterworks, Capt. E. D. Williams addressed the Board in reference to the steam tug *Marion* as a fire boat. He said the *Marion* had served for a number of years without any compensation. He promised that everything on the boat should be kept in first class style and he asked that he be allowed to make a sealed bid when such should be called for.

A communication was read from the Board of County Commissioners recommending that the act of the Legislature releasing new manufacturing concerns from the payment of taxes for ten years be published in manufacturing journals. Alderman Gore said he didn't see the use of going to the expense. Manufacturers who wanted to come here usually took the trouble to inquire.

On motion of Alderman Green, the Mayor was authorized to have the act published as requested, but at small expense.

Petitions for lights on Princess between Tenth and Eleventh streets and corner of Sixth and Brunswick streets were referred to Light Committee with power to act, provided some light other than an arc light be used.

The citizens' protest against compulsory vaccination and petition that the ordinance ordering it be rescinded, was read. On motion of Alderman Walker the words "fine and imprisonment, or both, at the discretion of the Mayor" and "compulsory" were ordered stricken out. The vote was unanimous.

A petition from Mt. Zion A. M. E. church asking that a brick sidewalk be placed in front of the church building was granted.

A letter from Mr. R. W. Hicks to Mr. S. Northrop was read complaining of inconvenience suffered on account of the pond of water which after a rain collects near the building formerly occupied by the Wilmington and Newbern Railroad Company, the rear of which is used by Mr. Hicks as a molasses warehouse. The Superintendent of Streets was instructed to look after the matter.

A letter was read from the Navassa Guano Company offering to equip the *Henry Christian* as a fire boat to patrol the river front for the better protection of wharves and property thereon at a compensation of $900 a year. It was referred to the Water Works Committee.

Alderman Gore suggested the wisdom of having specifications prepared upon which sealed bids for furnishing protection to the river front could be made. Mayor Wright appointed Aldermen Gore and Morrill a committee to act in behalf of the Board of Aldermen with Chief Schnibben in preparing specifications.

Permission to build was granted to M. Marshburn, boat house at foot of Queen street; D. D. Cameron, two-story frame house, 907 South Fifth street; E. H. Strunck, two five-room houses, Fifth and Wooster streets; J. P. Montgomery, two-story frame house on Queen, between Fourth and Fifth streets; Josh Tucker, one-story house, corner Miller and Wood streets; Wm. C. Moore, addition of two rooms and piazza to house on Queen, between Fourth and Fifth streets; Joseph Silva, one-story house on Castle between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Reports from Dr. W. D. McMillan, superintendent of health, Chief Chas. Schnibben, as previously printed in the STAR, were read and ordered on file.

Clerk and Treasurer F. B. Rice made his monthly report showing: Balance last return $28,841.11; receipts in February $9,588.21; disbursements, $10,983.34; balance on hand Feb. 1, 1898, $27,445.98.

Alderman Gore asked if some means could not be devised whereby the American Bagging and Trust Company and other parties keeping supplies in the warehouses here could be compelled to pay taxes.

Alderman Walker called attention to the need of a stove in the sleeping room of the Phoenix Hose Reel Company. Alderman Walker also spoke of the advantage of having a licensed bill poster and on his motion the ordinance committee was requested to prepare a suitable ordinance. The Board then adjourned.

The Narada Detained.

Mr. Harry Walters' fine yacht *Narada*, which was to have sailed for Europe some days since, has been detained by unfavorable weather, her latest delay being caused by a heavy fog in New York harbor last Saturday. She was expected to clear for Marseilles, France, either Sunday or yesterday. The STAR learns that Mr. Fred. Kidder will sail on the yacht. The *Narada* will probably remain abroad until next September.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

Various Matters Discussed at the Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS.

Reports of County Officials—Liquor License Granted a Number of Applicants—Jurors Drawn for the Criminal Court.

The New Hanover County Commissioners were in session yesterday afternoon from 2.45 o'clock to almost 6 o'clock, and dispatched quite a good deal of routine business. The chairman, Col. F. W. Foster, presided, and Commissioners Moore, Dempsey, Nixon and Alexander were in their seats. Some time after the meeting was called to order, Col. Moore was excused in order that he might attend the funeral of Mrs. Willson.

There were delegates present representing several public roads of the county, all there to ask appropriations for road improvements. Col. Foster told them the Board was anxious to do all they could for the county roads, but that they must not lose sight of the fact that of the $4,550 now levied for the purpose in the county, more than $3,000 was paid by the people of the city of Wilmington.

The new Federal Point road delegation asked for a special appropriation of $250 to change the course of about 2 miles of their road, starting about 8 miles from the city. The cost would be for 7000 yards of ditching. It was claimed that the change would save the traveling of about 4 miles of deep sand road for quite a number of people in that section. Messrs. Hine and Horne were spokesmen for the delegation.

There was also a petition that the old Newbern road have a special appropriation for road improvement. Mr. S. W. Noble presented the petition and urged that the system of road-working should be materially changed. Convicts should be procured and live shell or phosphate stone macadam roads made. Col. Foster said that very soon some such work would be inaugurated.

Mr. Jerry M. Elliott asked that a one and a half mile section of improvised roadway leading to the Sound be declared a public road.

All these matters are held in abeyance until a subsequent special meeting of the Board shall dispose of them.

Several county poor were voted small monthly allowances.

Deputy French reported that Sheriff E. Hewlett was ready to settle with the Audit committee at any time. No date for settlement was fixed.

Exemption from taxation was refused Lewis Hill, colored. The loss of an eye was the plea he made.

Reports from Dr. McMillan, County Physician, were, submitted together with a code of rules governing the County Home.

Mr. N. F. Parker appeared for the Sneed Co., asking for a settlement, claiming a difference of $67.50. The matter was referred to County Attorney Marsden Bellamy for adjustment.

It was ordered by the Board that after this date no bills be paid by reason of any custom heretofore practiced by former Boards, except those for which the county is legally bound.

Also that County Attorney Marsden Bellamy institute legal proceedings for the recovery of the property located at the Northwest intersection of Market and Second streets unless all taxes thereon be paid by March 15th; no taxes having been paid on said property in 20 years.

Register of Deeds Norwood reported twenty-four marriage licenses sold during January and $22.80 paid into the county treasury.

Col. Taylor, as clerk of Superior Court, reported $25 for school tax collected from the Fishblate Clothing Company.

It was agreed that Robt. W. Nixon purchase the county's interest in lot No. 5, block 339.

Mr. Thos. C. James asked for an exemption from taxes on the property at the southeast corner of Third and Mulberry streets, the same being used for school purposes. The commissioners ruled that action was not within their province.

A bill for $10.50 for extra painting at the City Hospital was allowed.

Twenty-seven yards of matting were ordered purchased for the sheriff's office.

Mr. George Honnett, jeweller, was awarded the contract for repairing the county clock at $49 for the year.

A contract with the Carolina Ice Co. to furnish ice for 20 cents per hundred pounds at the hospital and 40 cents per hundred pounds at the county home was approved by the Board.

It was ordered that the county attorney institute legal proceedings for the recovery of all property in the county for which the county holds certificates or deeds unless the taxes are paid by April 1st.

At the suggestion of Chairman Foster, a resolution was adopted urging upon the Chamber of Commerce, the Produce Exchange and similar organizations of the city the necessity of publishing in the various Manufacturers' Records of the different States that upon proper application of persons or corporations desiring to embark in the business of manufacturing they will be exempted from taxation by authority of an act of the Legislature, unanimously confirmed by the vote of the people of this city.

Jurymen for the next term of the Criminal Court were drawn as follows: Ike F. Huggins, C. L. Oler, C. H. Gilbert, Geo. Reaves, E. S. Knight, Jno. Taylor, J. J. Hopkins, Steven T. Keyes, J. B. Harrell, Chas. H. Alexander, D. H. Lippitt, Octavius Hicks, Jas. P. Walton, John Mosley, I. L. Greenwall, W. J. Morris, C. Morris Harriss, N. B. Sandlin, E. P. Willard, E. H. Sneed, L. Chapman, J. R. Turrentine, R. S. Love, J. S. Sneeden, T. C. Bray, G. P. Cotchett, J. E. Bissett, Sol. J. Jones, B. F. Beckett, F. H. Mitchell, R. H. Brady, W. H. Gerken, Rob't Halsey, Louis Everett, Joe Nixon and R. S. Merritt.

A new application for liquor license was filed by Martin Daniels to open a bar at 522 South Front street. An objection to the location was filed and Col. Foster and Col. Moore were empowered to dispose of the matter. Other licenses issued to barkeepers heretofore doing business were as follows:

J. D. Stelje, T. E. Mayer, A. V. Horrell, Louis Weil (wholesale malt), Bradshaw and Truelove, Jno. M. Mayland, N. B. Rankin, H. W. Konig, Jas. Berg, J. W. Duls, F. Richter (malt), D. N. Chadwick, H. F. Hoar, F. K. J. Fuchs, J. H. W. Fuchs, B. Bellois, Jas. Elder, J. D. Doscher, F. B. Brown, F. W. Ortmann, Geo. H. Heyer, R. W. Wallace & Co., Sternberger Bros., M. Schnibben, W. A. Vollers, H. T. Duls, Jurgen Haar, Jno. Dahnheart (malt), J. M. Martin, H. E. Truelove, Jno. H. Kuck, J. H. Brunjes, J. F. Sellars, J. H. Boesch, F. P. Lamb, G. W. Linder & Co., R. A. Linder, Chas. Richter, I. B. Rhodes, M. F. Croom & Co., C. D. Gore, T. J. Gore, J. G. Oldenbuttel, F. G. Punke, D. Steljes, C. P. B. Mahler, Peter Mohr, Frank B. Brown, R. V. Cox, M. O'Brien, J. C. Walton, B. H. J. Ahrens, E. P. H. Strunck, J. G. L. Gieschen & Co., Gieschen Bros., C. Valaer (malt), Cape Fear Club, Paul Caase.

New licenses—Isaian West, Herbst & Frederick, W. V. Hardin, Geo. Schnibben, A. L. Koonce, Nicholas Politz, N. J. Burch & Co., Koonce & Marshburn.

Board adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

AN INCENDIARY FIRE.

The Blaze Early Sunday Morning Last on Market and Thirteenth Streets.

The fire early Sunday morning at the corner of Market and Thirteenth streets, reference to which was made in Sunday's issue of the STAR, destroyed as was stated in that report the store-house, stock and unfinished dwelling of Mr. D. J. Steljes; left Chief of Police Melton's dwelling practically a wreck, and badly damaged the residence of Chas. Kunold.

Chief Melton lost about all of his household and kitchen furniture, except a portion of the front room furnishings and that in the room occupied by Policeman C. O. Knox. He estimates his loss at $500, with no insurance. He has moved to a dwelling on Chesnut street, between Ninth and Tenth. He is buying new furniture, and says fire shall never again catch him without insurance.

Charles Kunold lost about $150, besides damage to his furniture. He had no insurance.

Mr. D. J. Steljes had $500 insurance on his stock of goods with John Haar in the Equitable Fire Insurance Co.; $300 builders' risk also with Mr. Haar in the Southern Insurance Co. on the unfinished dwelling, and $300 with Mr J. H. Boatwright in the Home Insurance Co. on the store-house.

The carpenters, brickmasons and painters at work on Mr. Steljes' residence lost all their tools, etc. They were: Carpenters, Charles Mallett, Harry Harriss, George Sadgwar and Duncan Hall; brickmasons, Tom Hines and Gilbert Telfair; painter, James Fort.

Mr. Steljes says he will lose about $750. He has given out the contract for the re-building of both store-house and dwelling to the same workmen who erected those burned. He says he was notified two weeks ago that he would be burned out. The objection to his locating there seems to be that he sells liquor in connection with his grocery store. He kept a night watchman there up to last Friday night.

The Musical Association.

There was a largely attended meeting of Wilmington's Musical Association last night in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. Quite a successful practice of a number of musical selections was had. To-day Mr. J. S. Atkinson, manager of the aggregation of musical artists likely to participate in the May Festival here, will arrive in the city, and will this afternoon confer with a joint committee from the Y. M. C. A. and the Musical Association with a view to perfecting arrangements for that event.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to visiting Brethren.

feb 8 1t WM. M. POISSON, Secretary.

OPERA HOUSE.

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SUSIE KIRWIN,

WILBUR OPERA COMPANY.

Two Hours Laughter.

LIVING PICTURES BEST EVER SEEN HERE. Chorus Gorgeously Dressed Ladies.

TO-NIGHT "ROYAL MIDDY."

Matinee To-morrow,

"BOHEMIAN GIRL."

To-night 10,30, 30, 50 cents. Matinee 25 cents.

DIED.

CRONLY—In this city on Sunday morning, February 6, 1898, at 11 o'clock, MICHAEL CRONLY, in the 72nd year of his age.

The funeral will take place from the residence 215 South Third street, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend.

BRADLEY—At the Hospital, Raleigh, N. C., February 7th, 1898, CHARLES WRIGHT BRADLEY, in his 62nd year.

Burial from St. James' Church this Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Monday, $5.00 per year, $2.50 for six months, $1.25 for three months, 50 cents for one month to mail subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 45 cents per month for any period from one month to one year.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY)—One square one day, $1.00; two days, $1.75; three days, $2.50; four days, $3.00; five days, $3.50; one week, $4.00; two weeks, $6.50; three weeks, $8.50; one month, $10.00; two months, $17.00; three months, $24.00; six months, $40.00; twelve months, $60.00. Ten lines of solid Nonpariel type make one square.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at $1.00 per year, 60 cents for six months, 30 cents for three months.

All announcements of Fairs, Festivals, Balls, Hops, Picnics, Society Meetings, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired, charged transient rates for time actually published.

No advertisements inserted in Local Columns at any price.

All announcements and recommendations of candidates for office, whether in the shape of communications or otherwise, will be charged as advertisements.

Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly or quarterly, according to contract.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Communications, unless they contain important news or discuss briefly and properly subjects of real interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Tributes of Respect, Resolutions of Thanks, &c., are charged for as ordinary advertisements, but only half rates when paid for strictly in advance. At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged $1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day, three-fourths of daily rate. Twice a week, two-thirds of daily rate.

Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 8, 1889

WHAT IT MEANS.

Commercial America, published in New York, is level-headed on the subject of an American merchant marine. In a recent issue it quotes from one number of an English trade paper a number of orders for new ships just given to English ship yards, with an aggregate tonnage of 75,000 tons. These were all for iron steamers. To build and equip these vessels will cost $10,000,000, one-half of which will be for iron and steel. In speaking of this our contemporary asks, "Will American manufacturers never arouse themselves to the importance of American shipping, to American industries and commerce? and adds:

"Not only are manufacturers interested in the construction of such vessels for the United States, but they are still more deeply interested in them after they are built. A fleet of American commerce carriers means American independence on the ocean; means an opportunity to sell American goods in foreign markets, from which our manufacturers are now virtually excluded because of the unjust discrimination against freight from the United States offered for shipment to those markets in which British manufacturers are supreme.

"The upbuilding of an American merchant marine means more than this. It means an increased and constant demand for American coal. It means the employment of more labor in our mines and factories. It means the creation of a line of industry on our seacoasts where shipyards already exist, and where new ones would have to be started. It means the employment of a host of Americans on American vessels, who could be paid off in American ports with American money. It means, let us hope, a novelty in the shape of the employment of American officers and men on American vessels, who could be relied upon to serve their country in time of war, and it means commercial America in its truest sense, not only on land, but also on the high seas."

The subject of our merchant marine has been before Congress in some shape for a dozen years or more, but it is really no further advanced now than it was when it was first introduced. If the privilege were given the American who desired to engage in the ship business to go ahead and buy his ships and sail them under our flag, many would do that, but the Republican statesmen are so infatuated with the idea of protection that they deny Americans this privilege, to force them to have their ships built in this country if they want to own ships, and yet they substantially declare that ships can't be built in this country without the inducement of subsidies or bounties, although both when tried have failed. If they had ceased to hold out the subsidy or bounty schemes our ship-builders might have ceased looking for these and begun the building of ships for the profit that could have been made out of them.

That they can build ships without bounties or subsidies is amply shown by the fact that they do build the vessels for our lake and coasting trade, in the ships for which many millions of dollars are invested. And so could they build ocean steamers and sailing vessels and compete successfully with British or European builders. Within the past few years the Cramps, of Philadelphia, have put afloat some of the best vessels on the seas, vessels that they as builders, and Americans as Americans are proud of. We build warships for Japan in competition with English ship yards, and yet it is asserted that bounties are necessary to enable American ship yards to build ocean carriers.

There was a time when American ship builders could not do that. When iron vessels first came into use this was so, because the tariff duties were so high on iron and steel that our builders could not afford to import them to build ships, and consequently British ship builders soon took the business away from our yards and had it to themselves. As our ships wore out, or the sailing vessels were displaced by the quicker moving steamer, others were not built, and our merchant marine rapidly disappeared from the seas. But the manufacture of iron and steel was not then developed as it is now. Then we had no iron mines that could compete in cheapness of production with the British mines. We had no smelting furnaces that could compete in the cheapness of production with the British furnances. We had no rolling mills that could compete in cheapness of production with British mills. But we have all these now and can not only compete with the mines, and furnaces and mills of England, but can undersell them on their own ground and pay ocean freightage besides. We not only ship pig iron by the thousands of tons to England, but steel rails and locomotives and hundreds of articles made of iron and steel wholly or in part. Why then, when the process of producing iron and steel has been so reduced in cost that instead of importing we export both, can not American ship builders build ocean vessels as cheaply as they can be built in British or in German yards? They can, and if they do not it must be because they are holding back with the hope of still securing the bounties they have been looking to and the Republican statesmen have been advocating.

One of the reasons given by Republican organs, and they have very few reasons to give, why ships for ocean traffic are not built in this country now, is that there is so little profit in ocean carriage that Americans do not desire to invest money in ships, preferring to put their money in railroads, etc. This is a fraud entirely too thin. If ocean carriage didn't pay reasonably would the ship yards of England and of Germany be kept busy year after year building vessels for shipping companies? England and Germany, not to speak of other maritime nations, have great fleets of ships to which they are annually adding, and are building better and more costly ones. If the business didn't pay would they go on sinking money in ships just to be building and sailing them? They don't do business that way. Englishmen now hold supremacy on the waves and are working to hold it by adding to their fleet of merchantmen, now the greatest in the world. Every country in the world pays tribute to England either through these ships or through the building of ships of their own in British yards, but the United States pays the heaviest tribute of all, a tribute amounting to half a million dollars a day for the services rendered by foreign vessels, mostly British, for doing our carrying across the seas. This tribute has been paid not for one or two years but has been going on for many years, not so much years ago as now, but enough in the aggregate to cover the seas with ships as fine as any afloat.

It isn't simply in the tribute we thus pay that we lose, but in scores of ways, some of which are mentioned in the suggestive extract from our New York contemporary.

MINOR MENTION.

There is no fruit in this country more universally used, or more generally appreciated than the apple, which is a right royal fruit, although it doesn't put on many airs. It is a standby, and isn't beyond the reach of a person with a small pocketbook. Considering its numerous other estimable qualities, this is much in its favor. The fruit growers of some States appreciate it and realize its value as a money getter, while in other States where it thrives equally as well if not better, it is not appreciated. The apple crop of Missouri brings into that State $12,000,000 annually, and costs but little compared with other crops. We do not know what it yields to the State of New York, but it must be a large amount, as that State is a great producer and shipper of apples. It could be and when our farmers realize its worth, will be a very valuable crop in North Carolina when it grows to perfection from the sides of the Blue Ride to the planes by the sea. Speaking of the apple of North Carolina in general and especially of the apples of some sections of the East, the Elizabeth City *Economist* of last week, says:

Apple culture is coming to the front in North Carolina and the Buncombe apple is said to be "buncombe" by the North Carolina press and people and there is a strenuous effort made to introduce them to the Northern palate. We wish to say a word for the apple of Eastern Carolina. We have had our say often and over for the Matamuskeet apple and we will not repeat it here. It is found on the shores of Matamuskeet Lake in Hyde county, and if would be worth the labor of a life time if it could be developed to the size of two large fists. The late Duncan C. Winston, (may his memory always be green) used to say Roanoke Island was the native home of the apple and produced larger and finer apples than the apples of Buncombe and Madison counties of Western Carolina. But the resources of Roanoke Island are so great and varied that the citizens of the island would not stop fishing and wrecking and crabbing, and raising diamond back terrapins, and sturgeoning and blue fishing, and oystering and cranberrying, to raise an apple as big as a baby head. They will raise a few apples for home eating that will open the eyes of a visitor, but they will not plant an orchard of apples for money."

Perhaps Editor Creecy is a little partial to the Matamuskeet apple, but if the apples grown in the section to which he refers can match in size and quality the Buncombe product, they must be daisies, for some of the finest apples we have ever seen were grown up in those highlands. But there is no part of North Carolina in which the apple does not grow to perfection, and there is no part in which it should not be extensively cultivated.

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There is a movement in Alabama among the Populists to go back into the Democratic party. The leaders in some of the counties are advocating it. They propose to go back into the party as a faction, which is wrong. If they wish to go back they should go with the intention of being Democrats in good faith, of acting in harmony with the party, and not as Populists, as a faction aiming to dictate to and control the party. If that be the motive in going back they had better stay out. There is no good reason for the existence of the Populist party in any Southern State, and the only thing it has accomplished so far is to give a few ambitious or office-hungry leaders positions in States or counties, where they combined with the Republicans and divided the offices. But the Populist party has gained nothing by that, and neither have the rank and file of the party who went into it honestly believing that its success would result in an improvement in the conditions of which they complained. Many Populists in this State, who were formerly Democrats, see this, and they are going back into the Democratic party on their own motion, not on the suggestion of leaders who are probably looking more to their own benefit than to the public good. That's the way the Populists of Alabama ought to go back, and not as a faction to carry their ambitions and contentions inside of the Democratic lines. If they do not propose to go back as Democrats, to abide cheerfully by the decisions of the party they should stay where they are.

BOOK NOTICE.

The literary reader will enjoy *The Bookman* for February, which contains many interesting and instructive articles. Published by Dodd, Mead & Co., Fifth Avenue and 21st street, New York.

The February number of *The Eclectic Magazine* presents a fine list of articles from the leading European publications, covering a wide range of subjects. Published by E. R. Pelton, 129 Fifth avenue, New York.

McClure's Magazine for February is an excellent number, filled with choice reading matter handsomely illustrated. War readers will be interested in Chas. A. Dana's Reminiscences, while the general reader will find much to interest him. Published by the S. S. McClure Company, 141-155 E. 25th st., New York.

The political reader will find much to interest him in the February number of *The New Times*, which discusses political and economic subjects in a vigorous style and interestingly, whether the reader agrees with the views or not. Published by Chas. H. Kerr & Co., 56 Fifth avenue, Chicago, Ill.

CURRENT COMMENT

— Blanco will have to set another date for the pacification of Cuba. He said it would be accomplished by February 1st. Possibly he had better make his next prediction upon a ninety-days basis.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

— The interesting announcement is made that a new cotton mill has just been opened at Cordova, Ala., with 25,000 spindles and 1,000 looms, involving an expenditure of $600,000. The announcement is more interesting in view of the fact that this is the enterprise of Northern men who have seen that the South is pre-eminently the field for cotton manufacture.—*Manchester, Va., Leader, Dem.*

— The *New Ulm News*, of Minnesota, says: "The tariff tax on barley under the Dingley bill is 30 cents per bushel, and yet the farmers of the Southern part of the State are selling their barley at 25 cents per bushel." The Minnesota barley growers show scant deference to the tariff built for their "protection" when they undersell it in this shameless fashion.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

Dr. Miles' Nervine

A REMEDY FOR THE

Effects of Tobacco.

THE excessive use of tobacco, especially by young men is always injurious and undoubtedly shortens life materially. Mr. Ed. C. Ebsen, compositor on the Contra-Costa *News*, Martinez, Cal., writes; "I have used Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and received much benefit from it. I was troubled with nervousness, dizzy spells and sleeplessness, caused by the use of tobacco and stimulants. I took Dr. Miles' Nervine with marvelously good results, allaying the dizziness, quieting the nerves, and enabling me to sleep and rest, proving in my case a very beneficial remedy." Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine is especially adapted to restoring the nervous system to its normal condition under such circumstances. It soothes, heals and strengthens.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus:* It is with inexpressible regret that we chronicle this Saturday afternoon the death of our venerable friend and townsman Mr. A. Lehman, which occured at his home here last night, after a lingering illness, in the 77y ear of his age.

Charlotte *News:* It is estimated by competent authorities that the recent small-pox in Charlotte, has cost the city at least $50,000. One gentleman went so far as to state that he thought the figures should be doubled, but as a rule the $50,000 mark was generally conceded to be about right.

— Raleigh *Post:* "The output of the Cumnock mines last month was the largest in their history," said Mr. Henszey yesterday in speaking of the property. "We are increasing the capacity for output all the while. Last month the mines yielded 400 tons of coal per day. We are under contract to furnish the Seaboard Air Line with 100 tons per day. The mining force now numbers 200, the largest force ever employed at Cumnock. Last month the working force numbered 163. On Monday last 23 expert miners from Pennsylvania arrived at the mines.

— Winston *Sentinel:* In the railroad camp of Bachelor & Magruder near Mocksville, a few days ago, Walter Owens, colored, struck with a heavy stick, one Fuller, colored, a severe blow on the head, knocking him down and since then he has been unconscious and will probably, die. Fuller immediately fled to parts unknown. —— An old man named Wall, from Missouri, passed through Winston yesterday on his way to Mt. Airy to visit his brothers. He left North Carolina before the war and this is his first visit to his native home. It is said that he walked all the way from Missouri.

— Sanford *Express:* There are 51 applications for admission to the colored Sanitarium at Southern Pines. Six patients are now being treated at this sanitarium. —— Mr. G. H. Makepeace tells the *Express* that he had been having fresh Irish potatoes to eat at his house during the past few days. Last fall he planted his potato patch in turnips. Some of the potatoes that had been left in the ground came up. The turnips failed to make a crop and Mr. Makepiece had the potato tops carefully covered with straw and the warm weather we had up to a few days ago caused the roots to grow and produce good sized potatoes. Mr. Makepiece ate fresh Irish potatoes while the mercury in the thermometer registered ten degrees above zero.

— Nashville *Optic:* This (Thursday) morning at Castalia Mrs. Pattie D. B. Arrington and son Bryant went to the house of her divorced husband, W. H. Arrington, and proceeded to reinstate themselves in the old home and eject Mr. Arrington. Much excitement prevailed and Mr. Arrington procured a warrant and Mrs. Arrington and son Bryant were arrested for forcible trespass and were tried tonight before Squire C. H. Baines. After hearing the testimony of several witnesses, and much palavering by Mrs. Arrington and Bryant, and in which several indulged. 'Squire Baines bound Bryant over to Court in the sum of $200 justified bond. Failing to secure the bond Bryant was committed to jail. Mrs. Arrington was required to furnish justified bond in the sum of $150 for her appearance at court. She only secured bondsmen by signing an agreement wherein she pledged herself not to again tresspass upon the property of W. H. Arrington until she had been lawfully placed in possession of same.

Seekers after gold are often disappointed. Seekers after health take Hood's Sarsaparilla and find it meets every expectation.

TWINKLINGS.

— Handicapped: "Who is your favorite author?"

"Pardon me, sir, but I am an author myself."

— Men: "More men" remarked the observer of men and things, would sell themselves to the devil than do, if the devil could be taken in by green goods."—*Detroit Journal.*

— Dixon—"I don't see why you refuse to join our little party; you have failed to give a single reason for doing so."

Hixon—"Very true; I haven't a single, but—"

Dixon—"But what?"

Hixon—"I have a married one."—*Puck.*

— First College Girl—"What is to be the title of your graduation essay?"

Second College Girl—"'Beyond the Alps Lies Italy.' What is the title of yours?"

First College Girl—"'Beyond the Altar Lies the Washtub."—*Judge.*

— Mr. Romans—"I tell you what a baby brightens up the house, and that's a fact."

Mr. Practickel—"Yes, we've had to keep the gas burning all night ever since ours was born."—*Phil. Record.*

— "Your extemporaneous talk on art was grand, Miss Goggles."

"Well, it ought to be; I put in three solid weeks getting it up."—*Chicago Record.*

— Hattie—"Tom and I married in haste."

Ella—"Well, you ought to be thankful that such was the case."

Hattie—"Why so?"

Ella—"If Tom had taken time to think it over you would probably be single yet."

— Bylesby—"I wish you joy, my dear sir. As an old friend of your father, permit me to say that you will always look back on this day as the happiest day of your life."

Lamson—"Thank you; but it is tomorrow I am to be married."

Bylesby—"I quite understand that."—*Truth.*

Across the Ocean.

For a single passage to America a Cunard liner, with 547 cabin passengers and a crew of 287, carries 12,550 pounds fresh beef, 760 pounds corned beef, 5,320 pounds mutton, 850 pounds lamb, 350 pounds veal, 350 pounds pork, 2,000 pounds fresh fish, 600 fowls, 300 chickens, 100 ducks, 50 geese, 80 turkeys, 200 brace grouse, 15 tons potatoes, 30 hampers vegetables, 220 quarts ice cream, 1,000 quarts milk and 11,500 eggs.

Shortly after 1824 an American, J. W. Wright, invented a machine by which a perfect pin was produced during the revolution of a single wheel. The machine was first practically worked in a factory at Lambeth, but soon afterward it was removed to Stroud, in Gloucestershire—the seat of the pin industry, and later removed to Birmingham.

The order of baronets was established by James I in 1611. This title is found in no country of the continent, existing only in the British dominions.

Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he had his tussle with cholera morbus. He says he drove thirty miles after he was taken, and never came so near dying in his life. After this, when he goes out in the country he will take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy with him.—Missouri Valley (Iowa) Times. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

TOO GOOD AN IMITATION.

Story of a Stuffed Santa Claus and the Fate That Befell Him.

Miss Elizabeth Allerton and her sister Augusta had for years lived all alone in a big house not a thousand miles from Boston. If had been their pleasure on each successive Christmas to gather a company of children in the great, handsome parlors and join with them in having a gay time. But finally they planned to depart a bit from their usual custom of planting the Christmas tree in a cambric covered tub, and here they were on Christmas eve, surrounded by a lot of old garments that they had found among the trunks and boxes "up garret," making a figure to represent Santa Claus that should stand in the jog by the fireplace and clasp the well filled tree in his strong right arm.

Miss Elizabeth was skilled in the use of paints, and upon the surface of an apoplectic looking bunch covered with light flannel she was busily engaged in tracing sundry dabs and streaks to represent human features. Augusta, meantime, was brushing up the copper colored vest thickly bestrewn with green roses that was to appear from beneath the dressing gown, covering the deficiencies in the shape of broomsticks and shawls that composed the form. A gray squirrel muff that had not seen the light of day for many a year had been shaped into a hat and was the crowning point, in every sense, of this home-made Kriss Kringle.

"Dear me!" said Miss Elizabeth when the sticks had been adjusted and the curled hair pulled over the dressing gown collar, "he looks amazingly like a real man. I do hope the children will not be frightened when they see him."

"I was thinking of that myself," said Miss Augusta. "I wish you had not made his eyes so staring and his cheeks so red. Let's set him down and put some flour on his face."

This was done after considerable trouble. By that time it was 10 o'clock, and the tired spinsters lifted the result of their labors, stood it up in the corner, then withdrew and shut the door. Before they were half way up stairs they heard something fall. "I s'pose that's one of the broomsticks," said the elder Miss Allerton. They returned to the parlor and started to repair the damage. It was true. One of the supports had slipped, and there was the figure tilted tipsily forward, with those awful eyes looking straight at the door. Each waited for the other to straighten the thing up, and finally it was done.

Again the sisters started for their room above. Miss Augusta pulled the door so closely after her that she shut half of her sleeve in. Her sister noted that she locked the door and put the key in her pocket. They both sat down in their room and said nothing for a few minutes, when the scurrying of a mouse between the walls made them each give a little nervous scream. Miss Elizabeth started up. "Augusta," she said, "I can't sleep a wink tonight with that man in the house. I'm just going down and take him to pieces." "I was just going to suggest that very thing myself," said the younger one, echoing, as she generally did, her elder sister. They tiptoed down once more, keeping very close to each other, and, creeping behind the rosy cheeked effigy, they reduced him once more to a heap of old clothes, which they thrust into the closet, putting the head into a bandbox on the top shelf. Then they retired to peaceful slumbers.—Boston Transcript.

A Princess Longed For a Playfellow.

There is an article written by James Cassidy in St. Nicholas on the "Girlhood Days of England's Queen." Mr. Cassidy says:

There were in the life of the princess days when she longed for companions of her own age. Her mother, guessing this longing, was very tender and gentle with her, and considered often how best to make up for this lack. Once the duchess, it is said, thinking to please her daughter, "sent for a noted child performer of the day called Lyra, that she might amuse 'Drina with some remarkable performances on the harp. On one occasion," writes the biographer, "while the young musician was playing one of her favorite airs, the duchess, perceiving how deeply her daughter's attention was engrossed with the music, left the room for a few minutes. When she returned, she found the harp deserted. The heiress of England had beguiled the juvenile minstrel from her instrument by the display of some of her costly toys, and the children were discovered, seated side by side on the hearth rug in a state of high enjoyment, surrounded by the princess' playthings, from which she was making the most liberal selections for the acceptance of poor little Lyra."

Fertility of Eggs.

One of the worst puzzles of the season for the poultry enthusiast is that pertaining to properly fertilized eggs for hatching. If the fowls have free range, with access to the open ground and green stuff, the eggs will be all right if the hens are running with a good cock. But in confinement there are a dozen points to be looked after. Grit, shell, charcoal, etc., are always a necessity to the general health when hens are confined and thus of course, always affect the question of fertility. It will not do to be without them. Still less will it do to be without a good supply of green food. There is one supply, however, which many contend is better left out during the breeding season—meat.—American Gardening.

A Good Thing to Have on Hand.

A Frankfort lady hearing that her cook had applied for a divorce asked what was her reason for so doing. "Well, ma'am," said the cook, "me man likes his sallers got along pretty well but——she got my sister a place for $11.40, and I thought I'd jine me man while they was cheap."—Frankfort Leader.

In a recent letter from Washington, D. C., to an old friend, Major G. A. Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore, says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing). I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two applications freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1896.

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NOT USED TO HOTEL WAYS.

A Young Woman After Registering Gives the Clerks a Surprise.

She drifted into an uptown hotel by way of the women's entrance. She was plainly but neatly clad and did not look like a girl who was used to the system in operation at a big hotel. She had a bright, pretty face and looked fresh and charming. The two clerks on duty eyed her curiously and exchanged comments about the girl. She hesitated a moment when she reached the office, but after some little display of embarrassment walked up to the desk and picked up a pen in a diffident manner. The clerk wheeled the book around so that the place for signatures was in the proper position and waited. She chewed nervously at the end of the pen, then dipped it slowly in the ink, and with a great deal of pains wrote:

"Miss Mary McClosky, 372 West Ninety-third street."

Then she eyed her effort approvingly and carefully laid the pen down. The clerk, who had been watching the operation with a good deal of curiosity, said:

"Room, miss?"

A flush mantled her face, but she said sweetly, "Yes, if you please."

"Would you like a room with a bath?" asked the clerk in a puzzled tone. Again she seemed embarrassed and hesitated, but finally said in a low tone:

"Yes, if you please. That would be very nice and I would thank you very much."

"How much do you care to pay for a room?" said the clerk as his eye swept the rack.

"Pay?" she said in sheer surprise. "Pay? Why, I didn't expect to pay anything. I got a job here today as a chambermaid and I have just come down."—New York Tribune.

Household Goods.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of to-day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of the Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. Regulation size 50c. and $1.00. †

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Wholesale Prices Current.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	5½
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5¼
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	83
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	20
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	1½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	10	@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
Extra	4 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	47½
Car load, in bags—White		@	46
Oats, from store		@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	65
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	26
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	27
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	10 50
Rump		@	10 00
Prime		@	10 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5¼
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	3¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ℔ ℔—Unwashed		@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 7.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market steady at 33 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 32½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR.—Market steady at 95 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year:—Spirits turpentine steady, 26¼, 25¾c; rosin firm, $1.45. 1.50, tar steady, 95c; crude turpentine firm, $1.40, $1.90, 1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	17
Rosin	274
Tar	486
Crude turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year.—57 casks spirits turpentine, 542 bbls rosin, 174 bbls tar, 0 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅜c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Good Ordinary	2 15-16 cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	4¼ " "
Low Middling	5 15-16 " "
Middling	5⅜ " "
Good Middling	5⅝ " "

Same day last year, middling 6⅜c.

Receipts—318 bales; same day last year, 274.

COUNTRY PRODUCE

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 35 to 40c per bushel of 28 pounds; extra prime, 45c; fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra prime, 45c; fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½ to 50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00 to 1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six-inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 7.—Money on call easy at 1½ per cent., last loan 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485¼@485¾ for demand and 483@483¼ for sixty days. Posted rates were 483½ and 486. Commercial bills 482@482½. Silver certificates 56¼@57½. Bar silver 56½. Mexican dollars 45⅝. Government bonds strong; U. S. new 4's, registered 128⅜; U.S. new 4's, coupon, 128⅜; U. S. 4's 113⅝; U. S. 4's, coupon, 114⅜; U. S. 2's 100; U. S. 5's, registered, 113¾; U. S. 5's, coupon, 113¾. State bonds dull; North Carolina 6's 125; North Carolina 4's 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 2.—Rosin quiet. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, February 7.—Spirits turpentine firm at 32c bid; no sales. Rosin firm; no sales; quotations unchanged.

SAVANNAH, GA., February 7.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 33½c; sales 25 casks; receipts 47 casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; receipts 3,053 barrels; prices unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 7.—To-day's transactions in cotton futures reached 255,600 bales, this being the heaviest for several months past, and representing broadening speculation and

AN OPEN LETTER
To MOTHERS.

WE ARE ASSERTING IN THE COURTS OUR RIGHT TO THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE WORD "CASTORIA," AND "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," AS OUR TRADE MARK.

I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, *of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of* "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," *the same that has borne and does now* Chas. H. Fletcher *on every bear the fac-simile signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *wrapper. This is the original* "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," *which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years.* LOOK CAREFULLY *at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought and has the signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *on the wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.*

March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher, M.D.

Do Not Be Deceived.

Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which *even he* does not know.

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Insist on Having
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SHE WAS WRONG.

The Original Poem Wasn't by Cowper at All, but by Some One Else.

There is a woman's literary club on the South Side which is having the hardest imaginable time to keep together. Unlike most similar organizations, it is not from want of money that this association of fair students is constantly threatened with disbandment. A spirit of discontent and rivalry stalks through the meetings.

The original purpose of the club was a thorough criticism of the works of Homer, Dante, Shakespeare, Milton, Spenser and Sir Edwin Arnold. But, although this laudable intention was adhered to for several months, after awhile some of them got to writing essays and other papers to be read before the society. The book trade may not have noticed it, but at that time there was a considerable run on concordances, glossaries, books of synonyms and literary dictionaries. Ever since then things have gone from bad to worse. It seems impossible to maintain harmony.

The vice president of the organization, a charming young lady, whether considered mentally or from her photograph, recently wrote a rather extended poem in a very lofty strain. She read it to the club. Amid the general applause which followed there came from several remote corners of the room something like murmurs. A couple of her auditors were heard to say that she had never written anything like that before; that they didn't believe any one in the club was capable of it; that, in fact, several passages sounded strangely familiar.

Finally one member with glasses and a very penetrating expression, addressing the author of the poem, said:

"Didn't you get some of that from Cowper? I'm sure you did."

"I did nothing of the kind," retorted the vice president, flushing at the accusation.

"Oh, but I remember almost the exact lines!" persisted her accuser.

"How dare you say so!" returned the poet hotly.

"But we'll get the book and look," persisted the other.

"You're a mean, mean thing," said the vice president, bursting into tears. "I didn't get this from Cowper at all. And now that you're so smart I'll not tell you where I did get it."—Chicago Tribune.

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Marvelous appliances and one month's remedies at rare power will be sent on trial, without any advance payment, by the foremost company in the world in the treatment of men weak, broken, discouraged from effects of excesses, worry, overwork, etc. Happy marriage secured, complete restoration or development of all robust conditions. The time of this offer is limited. No C. O. D. Entire confidence; no exposure. Address ERIE MEDICAL CO. 64 NIAGARA ST., BUFFALO, N.Y.

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GUSTA'S "FALLER."

His hair was harvest golden and his eyes were like the blue
Of sea depths near the Sweden that his early boyhood knew.
His cheek was shot with tinting of the sunset's dying red,
And he was an Gusta's sweetheart—or her "faller," as she said.

They fashioned out their future by Dan Cupid's rosy plan,
For love is love to general and to enlisted man

He brought her candy presents from the garrison canteen
And flowers that grew along the road that stretched five miles between.
(A ten mile march each Sunday night, and waiting at the end
A very punctual sergeant who was no man's special friend.)

Five miles from Eros back to Mars, from stoop to garrison,
But love went with him on the way—he scarcely thought it one.

He came and brought my baby boy a little wooden gun,
And in their kitchen marchings many a fearful field was won
And many a great campaign was planned on foeman fierce and strange—
Such as the pump, or sink, or broom, or sugar bin, or range.

Ah, well, the proverb of the bard shows valor at its best—
"The loving are the daring and the brave the tenderest."

A soldier's heart is not his law, nor always is his guide—
Commanding officers there are, and Indian men beside—
And Gusta sadly—and my boy—watched that long line of blue
March down the way and disappear to westward out of view.

Oh, love is love forever more, and ever grief is grief,
Though lovers follow in the ranks or ride ahead as chief!

The general came back at last and wondrous was his fame—
Forgotten by his former friends was Gusta's "faller's" name.
They only knew that many fell upon a fatal day
When guns gave earth a stain of red and smoked the heavens gray.

Some men must die when at the front is one who dares to lead,
And with the others on the plain there fell a blue eyed Swede.

A servant girl once dreamed a dream. That dream was set at naught.
A soldier died, and no one knows that soldier ever fought.

A grand, imposing monument a general glorifies,
But no man knows the lonesome place where Gusta's "faller" lies.

Only my baby used to cry and ask for Gusta's Jim
To come again and mend the gun he whittled out for him.

—Chicago Record.

WESTERN MINERS.

They Are Not as a Rule Queer In Dialect or Manners.

To compare Bret Harte and Buffalo Bill with each other may at first seem entirely out of order, so strong is the contrast in most particulars, and yet they are alike in this, that both, without intending to do so, have injured the far west by greatly exaggerating the peculiarities of life in this part of the union, if they have not actually presented that which never did, in fact, exist.

Buffalo Bill has done it with his wild west shows, and in consequence thousands of men and women in Europe and the eastern part of the United States think that the typical far westerner is a cowboy and that travel by stage is fraught with danger at every step. Bret Harte has done something of the same sort by representing the principal characters of far western towns as rough and illiterate, though it may be honest, men who use a form of speech which one would have to go far to hear in any part of the world.

One is reminded of this by a criticism which recently appeared in the Chicago Tribune upon Judge France's little collection of short stories called "Pine Valley." The critic accuses the author of misrepresenting life in Colorado mining camps by causing characters to employ what he calls parlor English. The author of that criticism took for granted that the miners are ignorant of good English, and he probably also thinks that they use a dialect peculiar to mining camps, or it may be far western towns in general.

While every now and then one encounters prospectors or miners who, having lived isolated lives for many years, have acquired peculiarities of speech, these are, as a matter of fact, exceptions. As a rule miners belong to the class composed in the east of intelligent mechanics, farmers and well to do residents of towns and villages. They have the command of English which is possessed by the average person educated in a public school, and a great majority of them were born east of the Missouri river, if not east of the Mississippi.

But in addition there are thousands of men living in mining camps and wearing habitually miners' clothes who are well educated and speak as pure and grammatical English as one can hear in the offices of lawyers, doctors and civil engineers in any part of the Union. An author would not be criticised for putting parlor English in the mouths of men of this class in the east, and the criticism is no less unjust if the scene of the story is laid in the far west. As for a true dialect, the far west is not old enough for the development of anything of that kind. One may hear it in the mountains of Tennessee doubtless or in rural communities in the east. But for anything like this the far west is as yet too young and its population is a mixture of people drawn from too many different parts of not the United States, but the whole English speaking world.—Denver Republican.

In the pupa state, the Hessian fly can scarcely be distinguished from a flaxseed.

In most states of the Union a bushel of wheat equals 60 pounds.

In 12 days a letter from Cadiz will be delivered in New York.

A BOSS ADVERTISER.

HE NEVER MISSED A CHANCE TO BOOM GOODS HE SOLD.

He Was In the Firearms Business In Texas and Made His Revolvers Talk For Themselves—His Last "Card" Written on a Stone With His Own Blood.

"To me," remarked a man of more or less brokerly appearance in manner and cut of clothes, "the advertising methods resorted to by business men all over the country are astonishing in their intelligence, stupidity, ingenuity and commonplaceness. I mean by that that while some of them seem to be satisfied with the money returns of the oldest chestnuts in the newspapers, there are others who are advertising Columbuses, never satisfied unless discovering something new in the promotion of the publicity of the wares they have to sell."

"Which reminds me," said a man who looked like a New England Yankee once removed, "that I have been interested in advertising for many years, and that I have circumnavigated the United States several times, advertising various things, from baking powder to steam engines. In these trips I have observed some things quite well worth the remembering, but certainly the most unusual bit of advertising I ever heard of came under my notice during a trip I made through northwestern Texas.

"In a trip made there some three years previously I had met a local character whom they called Colt Thompson, and after a talk with him at the hotel supper table, for he boarded at the best hotel in the town, I found that he had come from my native town in Massachusetts, and that we had known each other as boys there, 40 years before, when neither of us was more than 10 years old. Though Thompson was a pretty hard citizen and had a record only a few eastern men would be proud of, he was a good worker, and as the agent of an arms manufacturing company in the east, with a territory comprising several counties, he managed to live well and wear good clothes. Of course he gambled between times and did odd jobs of various kinds, but the profits in those lines were simply used for spending money. He had shot several men and was accustomed to remark that he had to do it now and then in his business to show the merits of the goods he handled, and he always said that he would rather be horsewhipped than shoot a man with any other gun than that made by his firm, a loyalty that added much to his popularity and was a first class advertisement for his weapons.

"Which reminds me that Thompson was the most enthusiastic advertiser I ever saw, and he never let an opportunity escape that he could use for this purpose. I saw him shoot a runaway horse one afternoon on the main street, and when the owner complained Thompson paid for the animal and had a half column article in all the newspapers on his guns as runaway preventives. Another time about midnight he discovered a fire in a store on a side street, and, instead of turning in an alarm by the usual shouting, he began to shoot his gun as fast as he could. The noise soon had the crowd out, and the papers next day told all about Thompson's guns as the best fire alarms in use. On another occasion he offered the preacher who was going to preach a shot man's funeral $50 to help out the salary fund if he would say that the deceased had surely gone to heaven because he had been shot with one of Thompson's guns.

"But I am digressing. His greatest advertising idea was his last one, to which I am slowly but surely coming. When I found I was going to be in Thompson's neighborhood again, I was pleased, for I had found him interesting, and he had insisted when we parted that if I ever came that way again I must be sure and give him a chance to make it pleasant for me. I had not heard from him in the meantime, and when I got to his town and asked at his old stopping place where he was I was greatly pained, but not greatly surprised, to learn that he had died six months previously. It was not necessary for me to ask if he had died suddenly, and I did not ask the question in that form, but I did ask what the row was about, and as the result of my inquiries I found that my friend Thompson had been called upon to act as a deputy sheriff in the arrest of a couple of very bad men from the mountains who had been 'shooting the town up.'

"They were customers of Thompson, but he did not give guarantees against disorder with his goods, and he was as glad to arrest these men as he would have been to do any other hazardous service. Thompson became separated from the sheriff and posse about noon, and no more was seen of him until about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, when he was discovered by the sheriff lying dead beside a big white bowlder, and not 50 feet away, stretched flat on their backs, were the two 'toughs,' quite as dead as Thompson. In the hands of each of the three were revolvers and it was plain that the men had died game, though apparently the end was more sudden for the others than for Thompson. This was proved by the fact that just above him on the white surface of the stone he had scrawled in as big letters as he could reach, and with his finger dipped in his own blood, the words: 'What else could have happened when all three had Thompsons? Call on my successor before purchasing elsewhere.'

"That evening after supper I went to the town cemetery to visit the grave of my schoolmate, and on a plain white stone at his head was this brief inscription, placed there by his friends:

"COLT THOMPSON.
He Was a Good Man.
Massachusetts Sent Him to Texas,
and
Texas Sent Him to Glory.

"Which struck me as a pretty good advertisement in itself, but not comparable from a business standpoint with that other one written on a white stone in the blood of a New Englander among the hills of Texas."—New York Sun.

Bees' Brains.

The brain of the honeybee has recently been studied by Dr. Kenyon of Clark university more thoroughly, it is said, than ever before. It is thought that the source of a bee's power to adapt itself intelligently to its surroundings has been discovered in certain peculiar objects in its brain called the "mushroom bodies."

The quantity of gas made in Germany last year, according to official returns, was 25,887,000 cubic feet, in the manufacture of which 2,750,000 tons of coal was employed. The number of flames in use was 5,785,000.

Advertising.

The late A. T. Stewart, speaking figuratively rather than literally, once said, "If you have two bushels of potatoes to sell, spend the price of one bushel in advertising the price of the other."

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HAD PLENTY OF BAIT.

Strong Bait, Too, Judging From the Story the Fisherman Told.

Out of regard for negotiations otherwise spotless, no names will be mentioned in the telling of this story of strange adventure from the wilds of the Ocmulgee swamp.

Tanned was the face of the narrator and clear was his eye. He is not a member of the Young Men's Christian association, but nothing save this one experience could be urged against him should he apply for membership.

"John William Brownsmithjones and myself went down to a fine fishing place in the swamp of which we knew," his sad story began, "for a day's sport, and one of the most remarkable things happened I ever heard of. The lagoon is, except in a few places, thickly fringed with small trees. We opened up the bait and started in, experiencing the usual varying luck, but on the whole doing quite well. I had artistically baited my hook with a fine, fat live cricket and made a skillful cast to an inviting looking spot under a mass of overhanging boughs, some of them not more than a couple of feet from the water.

"The cricket had no sooner touched the water than one of the finest trout I ever saw made a rush at him. You can imagine my amazement when the fish gathered in the insect with his forward fins as neatly as Pony Brown gathered in a fly ball at the park the other day, and, without stopping, landed on one of the lower branches nearly a yard above the water, wrapped his tail around the limb, balanced himself and then took that cricket off the hook as carefully as I had put him on, threw the hook back into the water, ate the cricket, wiped his mouth, winked at us as plainly as I could have done it and then dropped back.

"Say! I was just rooted to the spot until it was too late to knock the saucy thing in the head with my pole."

By and by the dense silence was broken by this faint inquiry:

"What brand of bait did you say you carried?"

And the story teller got mad and went away.—Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.

FAMOUS OLD PEOPLE.

Some Who Attained Great Age and Without Any Diet Rules.

Among the examples of moderation in diet Miguel Solis of San Salvador is conspicuous. He was 180 years old in 1878, and, if he is still to the fore, is likely to complete his second century. He believed that he had lived so long because he had never eaten more than one meal a day. Even in that he limited himself to what he could tuck in during the short space of half an hour. He therefore was a living argument against those hygienists who bid us eat slowly and masticate well. His diet was chiefly vegetable, meat, which was always cooked the day before, entering into it only twice a week. For two days in every month he fasted, and he drank large quantities of water. His plan included several other details, and, on the whole, we of the threescore and ten can without envy wish him joy.

Macklin, the comedian, who lived and died in Covent Garden, was a wonderful oddity, in virtue of which, or perhaps in spite of which, he managed to get through 107 years. He followed the wise and simple rule of eating when hungry, drinking when thirsty and sleeping when sleepy. All these he did on a liberal scale. He never took off his clothes except for the purpose of having his body rubbed all over with brandy. He always slept in blankets, and history does not record a single journey on their part to the laundry, and his couch, which was hard, was placed in the middle of the room.

What is most strange about longevity is that it comes, like the dew of heaven, to every class. Kings, who live in luxury, beggars, who go through existence in a state of chronic cold and hunger, giants and cripples, abstainers and drunkards, large eaters and small eaters, toilers and sluggards, brain workers and body workers, vegetarians and carnivores, smokers and nonsmokers, sane and insane—all have apparently an equal chance of the prize of long life. An old woman who died in Ireland at the age of 112 was all her life a beggar and during the last half of it was never known to eat a square meal from one end of the year to the other.—London Lancet.

—Senator Hanna is willing to indorse that Republican claim concerning cheap Southern labor, except where it pertains to electing delegates to national conventions.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

Something to Know.

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To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST.		STATIONS.	GOING WEST.	
3 Pass'g'r Trains			4 Pass'g'r Trains	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston.....	10 12	.....
5 35	5 45	Newbern.....	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City..	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.
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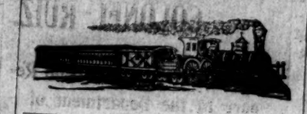

Schedule in Effect January 17, 1898.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 9.35 A. M. 11.02 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.55 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.45 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 6.22 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 6.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P.M. Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.58 A. M., +Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 7.15 P. M 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M. +Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., +Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.03 A. M., Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.29 P. M., Sumter 9.10 P. M., Columbia 10.80 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.25 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY No. 49—Passenger—Leave +Boston 5.50 P. M. 1.06 P. M., +New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 †A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 †A. M., Weldon 11.59 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P.M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.34 P. M.

DAILY No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 9.30 A. M. night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., +Norfolk 9.20 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.27 A. M., Hartsville 11.10 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.35 A. M., Bennettsville 6.59 A. M., arrive Darlington 7.50 A. M. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 7.45 A. M.; leave Darlington 8.55 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.20 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3.00 P. M., Cheraw 5.16 P. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8.18 A. M., Darlington 9.00 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.20 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.30 P. M., 11.16 P. M.; arrive Selma 3.15 P. M., Smithfield 3.59 P. M., Dunn 4.00 P. M., Fayetteville 4.47 P. M., 1.14 A. M., Rowland 6.13 P. M.; returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.18 P. M., 10.15 P. M., Dunn 1.01 P. M., Smithfield 1.39 P. M., Selma 1.47 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.06 A. M.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.29 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M.; arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.25 P. M., Creston 5.30 P. M., Sumter 6.25 P. M. Daily.

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Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11.10 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.; arrive Lucknow 1.00 P. M. and 8.30 P. M. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 A. M. and 2.00 P. M.; arrive Elliot 8.35 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

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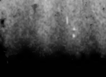

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Train 41—Leaves Wilmington 3:20 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:39 P. M., Pembroke 5:48 P. M., Maxton 6:12 P. M., Laurinburg 6:29 P. M., Hamlet 6:53 P. M. Connects at Hamlet with train 41 for Charlotte and Atlanta, and with train 408 for Portsmouth, Richmond, washington and points North.

Train 4—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:41 A. M., Raleigh 3:30 P. M., Sanford 5:03 P. M., Hamlet 6:58 P. M., Rockingham 7:20 P. M., Wadesboro 8:11 P. M., Monroe 9:13 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., Atlanta 7:30 A. M., and Atlanta 6:20 A. M. Connection at Weldon with train from Richmond and all Northern points. Pullman sleeper, Portsmouth to Nashville, Tenn.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 4:10 P. M., Richmond 8:56 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 P. M., arrives Weldon 11:10 P. M., Raleigh 2.07 A. M., Sanford 3:35 A. M., Hamlet 5:10 A. M., Rockingham 5:33 A. M., Wadesboro 6:54 A. M., Monroe 6.43 A. M., Charlotte 7:50 A. M., Lincolnton 10:20 A. M., Shelby 11.18 A. M., Rutherfordton 12:30 noon, Athens 1:15 P. M., Atlanta 3:50 P. M. Connections at Atlanta for all points South and West. Pullman Sleeper, Washington to Atlanta, and Portsmouth to Chester.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon. Connects at Hamlet with trains from Washington, Portsmouth, Charlotte and Atlanta.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 1:00 P. M. Arrives Athens 3:16 P. M., Monroe 9:30 P. M. Leaves Rutherfordton 4:35 P. M., arrives Shelby 5:55 P. M., Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8.18 P. M., Wadesboro 9:10 P. M., Hamlet 11:00 P. M., Rockingham 11:26 P. M., Hamlet 11:20 P. M., Sanford 1:09 A. M., Raleigh 2:16 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:31 noon. Pullman Sleepers, Atlanta to Washington and Chester to Portsmouth.

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NORTH BOUND.	No. 2 DAILY.
Leave Wilmington	9 00 A. M.
Arrive Fayetteville	12 10 P. M.
Leave Fayetteville	12 18 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	12 23 "
Leave Sanford	1 48 "
Leave Climax	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 DAILY.
Leave Mt. Airy	8 40 A. M.
Leave Rural Hall	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Leave Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Climax	12 17 P. M.
Leave Sanford	1 42 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	2 36 "
Arrive Fayetteville	3 53 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 00 "
Arrive Wilmington	4 10 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 DAILY.
Leave Bennettsville	8 00 A. M.
Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills	9 35 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 90 "
	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3 DAILY.
Leave Fayetteville	4 50 P. M
Leave Hope Mills	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton	6 11 "
Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 Mixed Daily Ex Sunday.
Leave Ramseur	6 40 A. M
Leave Climax	8 30 "

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, FEB. 8, 1898

CURRENCY REVISION.

Republican Members of the House Committee on Banking and Currency in Private Session.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—The Republican members of the House Committee on Banking and Currency were in private session to-day to consider the bill of Representative Fowler, for a revision of the currency.

Mr. Fowler's hearing closed to-day, and chairman Walker will follow with a two-days' exposition of the measure bearing his name. This will close the hearings, and the Republican members of the committee, having heard all the views on all the propositions, will then take up the question of formulating a bill expressive of the views of the committee and embodying such propositions as a majority of the Republican members may agree upon, the purpose being first to secure an agreement among the Republican members and then have united action before the full committee. By this means, it is hoped to command the nine votes which are requisite in the full committee in order to report a bill.

Among the measures is to report the proposition embodied in the President's message to Congress with some enlargement on the lines of general currency revision, but not to the extent of securing a distinct expression on the gold standard, or for the retirement of the greenbacks.

ALBEMARLE AND CHESAPEAKE

New Officers Elected by Stockholders of the Canal Company.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., February 7.—The special meeting of the stockholders of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Company held at offices in this city Saturday, was significant in that a new president and director were elected. Robert M. Cannon was chosen to the former position, vice Franklin Weld, resigned, and Warren G. Elliott, president of the Atlantic Coast Line, was elected director, vice W. S. Brown of Erie, Pa., who declined to serve. For a number of months, it is said, a majority of the stockholders has been dissatisfied with the way the affairs ofthe company have been managed.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

Trading with Jobbers Has Steadily Increased—Business Fair in All Lines.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 7.—The opening of trade in the dry goods field was featureless to-day but generally auspicious. There was a fair percentage of buyers present and they seemed to take hold of goods at second hand with considerable vim. Jobbers, in fact, have had less cause to complain since the beginning of the year. The extent of trading in the jobbing houses has steadily increased. Reports to-day from out-of-town and final markets have been of fair business in all lines. Seasonable goods are in steady demand and replenishment of stocks is becoming more necessary day by day. At first hands the market is firm but without feature.

MINISTER WOODFORD'S NOTE.

Spain's Premier Replies That a Date for Complete Pacification of Cuba Cannot be Fixed.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Madrid correspondent of the *Standard* says:

"Senor Sagasta's response to the official note presented yesterday (Saturday) by General Woodford, the United States minister, complains of filibustering expeditions, and declares that Spain cannot entertain the suggestion for fixing a date for her completion of the pacification of Cuba.

"Pessimist impressions are now current regarding the relations between Spain and the United States, and have depressed the Madrid and Barcelona bourses. Public feeling among all classes is strong against America."

GHARLESTON AND WESTERN.

A Syndicate to take the Entire Issue of First Mortgage Bonds.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, February 7.—A syndicate composed of Baltimore, New York and Richmond, Va., bankers, has been formed by the Maryland Trust Company, to take the entire issue of first mortage bonds of the Charleston and Western Carolina railroad.

This road has become part of the Atlantic Coast Line which purchased its entire capital stock and an issue of income bonds. The coast terminal of of the road is at Port Royal, S. C.

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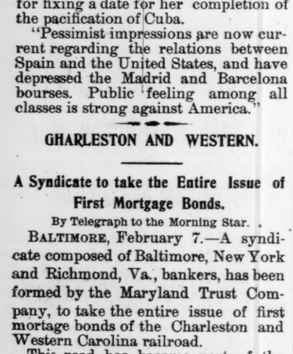

THE EXECUTION OF COLONEL RUIZ.

Consul General Lee's Official Report to the Department of State Made Public.

WASN'T UNDER FLAG OF TRUCE

He Was Tried by Court Martial and Executed Under General Orders Issued by the Commander of the Cuban Forces.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—The President to-day transmitted to the House the reports from Consul General Lee relative to the execution of Colonel Ruiz, which the House called for by resolution. These reports consist of two dispatches to the State Department from General Lee. The first, under date of December 21st. is in the form of a narrative account of the circumstances attending the execution. "As a matter of public interest," says General Lee, "I have the honor to inform the department that on Monday, December 13th, Lieutenant Colonel Don Joaquin Ruiz, of the Spanish corps of engineers and aide-de-camp of the Captain General, an officer well and favorably known in the city, visited Colonel Aranguren, an active and enterprising insurgent chief with whom he had formerly been well acquainted, as the latter had been in his employment when Ruiz had charge of the waterworks of this city. Colonel Ruiz left here at 6 P. M., Monday, December 13th, alighted at Camp Florido, twenty-one miles from this city, where he breakfasted with the Spanish commander, and in company with practicos (guides) a white man and a negro, he rode on horseback in the direction of Aranguren's camp. After he had proceeded two leagues he was met by Aranguren who was mounted and had an escort of fourteen cavalry. Colonel Ruiz, after the exchange of salutations, began a speech to Aranguren and his party, setting forth the prospective glories of autonomatic rule, and, I am advised, made offers upon the part of the authorities here for the surrender of his command, whereupon Aranguren, acting under the instructions of his General-in-chief, Maximo Gomez, had Col. Ruiz and his two men executed.

"It will be remembered that in November last Gomez issued a proclamation ordering his officers to put to death any person or persons that should approech them with the effort to make them traitors to their comrades or cause. or to induce them to accept autonomy under Spanish rule. Aranguren, previous to the war, lived in Havana with his mother, but has since been a bold and active officer of the insurgent ranks.

"In accordance with a request made to me by the Russian Consul and other friends of Colonel Ruiz, and with the knowledge, consent and approval of General Blanco, I made the attempt to save the life of the Spanish officer by sending to Col. Aranguren Mr. Ernest Tosca, as my representative here, with the following note:

Havana, December 16, 1897.—Mr. Neston Aranguren—My Dear Sir:—I am informed that a Spanish officer named Colonel Joaquin Ruiz is your prisoner. I write to say that the said officer is a personal friend of mine and has shown me kindness and courtesy since my arrival in Havana. I, therefore, request you as a special favor to me to release Colonel Ruiz and to allow him to return to this capital. The bearer of this note, Mr. Ernesto Tosca, is my personal representative and I commend him to you.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) FITZHUGH LEE."

"I regret to say," continues General Lee, "that my representative did not reach the insurgent camp in time to deliver said note before Colonel Ruiz's execution, which had taken place on the day of Ruiz's arrival.

On December 30th, General Lee wrote as follows:

"Referring to my previous dispatch, I desire to say further that the note to Aranguren contained therein was not delivered, because when my representative reached his camp this insurgent chief was temporarily absent therefrom, but the next ranking officer, then in command, gave Mr. Tosca the following statement:

"CAMP OF CUBA.

"Details of the death of Lieutenant Colonel Joaquin Ruiz:

"This gentleman came to this office dressed in the uniform of a Spanish military officer and before the Cuban forces made to Colonel Neston Aranguren propositions respecting autonomy. Colonel Aranguren, respecting the orders of our army, made Ruiz prisoner and he was executed later, after a court martial had been held, and in the name of the law organization of our army. And that it may be known, I furnish this information to Mr. Ernesto Tosca, who came commissioned by the American consul at Havana.

"P. Y. L. (Country and Liberty), Army of Cuba, December 18, 1897.

"(Signed) MAJ. ALFREDO LIMA."

"It now appears that Colonel Ruiz visited the insurgent camp in his private and unofficial capacity, and that with the exception of one or two of the authorities of the palace and possibly a few others, no one knew of his errand, or departure. It would seem, therefore, that he went into the insurgent camp in an unofficial or private character, and not under a flag of truce, or other official protection in war, a procedure always hazardous to the life of any one who attempts it."

Both these dispatches are addressed to Assistant Secretary of State Day, and not to Secretary Sherman.

EWART'S NOMINATION.

Senator Butler Asks Postponement of Confirmation—Will Prefer Charges.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—Senator Butler, of North Carolina, went before the Senate Committee on Judiciary today with a request for the postponement of final consideration of the nomination of Hon. Hamilton G. Ewart, to be Judge of the Western district of North Carolina, until he could have opportunity for the formulation of charges he will make against Mr. Ewart. He did not make known the character of the charges beyond stating that Mr. Ewart was not of judicial temperament and that he was not a lawyer of sufficient standing to entitle him to the distinction sought to be conferred upon him. In obedience to this request, the consideration of the nomination was postponed a week.

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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Senator Morgan Submits a Proposition for the Annexation of the Hawaiian Islands.

DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE

On the Much-Mooted Question of Returning Prosperity—The Military Academy Appropriation Bill.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—An amendment of more than ordinary importance and significance at this time was proposed in the Senate today by Senator Morgan, of Alabama, to the resolution offered a few days ago by Senator White, of California. Senator White's resolution declared that it was the right of the people of Hawaii to maintain their own form of government, and that the United States ought in no wise to interfere with it. Senator Morgan's amendment provides distinctly for the annexation of the Hawaiian islands, declaring that the present government has a right to make such cession to this country.

Senator Chandler, New Hampshire, presented a memorial which called to the attention of the Senate one of the most thrilling events of the civil war. The Memorial was prepared in 1874 by the late Admiral Worden, who, as a lieutenant in the navy, commanded the Monitor in the historic fight in Hampton Roads between that vessel and the iron-clad Merrimac. The result of that contest was that the Merrimac never again entered a naval battle, having been so completely disabled in the encounter with the Monitor as to be practically useless. Senator Chandler said that Admiral Worden conceived the idea that it would be proper for the Government of the United States, in view of the practical destruction of the Merrimac to pay to the officers and crew of the Monitor the sum of $200 each in the nature of prize money. He asked that the memorial be referred to the Naval Affairs Committee, his idea being, he said, that the committee and the Secretary of the Navy could evolve some plan whereby suitable recognition by the Government could be made of the great services rendered this country by Admiral Worden.

Senator Frye, Maine, chairman of the Committee on Commerce, reported a House bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury either to purchase or have constructed a suitable revenue cutter for use on the Yukon river, Alaska, at a cost not to exceed $40,000. It was passed.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, called attention to the resolution introduced a few days ago by Senator White, of California, concerning this country's attitude toward Hawaii, and proposed an amendment thereto

Senator Davis, of Minnesota, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, moved that the resolution of Senator White and the amendment thereto proposed by Senator Morgan be referred to the Foreign Relations Committee, and after a brief colloquy between Senators White and Morgan, the resolution and amendment were so referred.

On motion of Mr. Davis, the Senate then went into executive session and at 5.05 P. M. adjourned.

WASHINGTON, February 7.—The House passed the Military Academy Appropriation bill to-day with only one unimportant amendment. The debate on the measure was desultory, and touched a variety of political topics. As passed, the bill carries $453,540, being $26,032 less than the amount carried by the current law.

Mr. Clark, Republican, of Iowa, spoke on the Loud bill increasing the rates on second class mail matter, and Mr. Greene, Populist, of Nebraska, made some observations on the much mooted subject of returning prosperity. He read a dispatch from Wheeling, W. Va., giving an account of the alleged tearing down of McKinley's picture by workingmen. Gentlemen might cry prosperity, prosperity, said he, but there was no prosperity.

"And others howl calamity, calamity," cried Mr. Perkins, Republican, of Iowa, amid shouts of laughter from the Republicans.

Mr. Olmstead of Iowa, Republican, in reply to Mr. Greene, produced clippings from newspapers in all parts of the country showing a great revival of business and trade. Mr. Olmstead said that the continued agitation of the silver question was the only thing that retarded the full measure of prosperity that would naturally flow from the Dingley law, The threat contained in the Teller resolution had driven $40,000,000 to investment in foreign securities.

"Do we want a cowardly money that runs away?" asked Mr. Bland of Missouri, Democrat.

"Money is always timid," replied Mr. Olmstead. "It goes to places where it is safest and the security is best."

"You don't hear of silver running away," said Mr. Bland.

"No," interposed Mr. Landis of Indiana, Republican, "you don't hear of silver running away from Mexico."

Mr. Miers, Democrat, Indiana, and Mr. DeArmond, Democrat, Missouri, both denounced the action of the House on the Teller bond resolution.

The whole purpose of the Republican party in the the defeat of that resolution, Mr. DeArmond declared, was to commit the country irretrievably to the gold standard, It had at last thrown off all subterfuges and shams and now had the shameless effrontery to boldly proclaim the robbery which it always secretly connived at but never before had the hardihood to avow.

Mr. Low, Republican, New York, said it was no marvel that the Democrats were howling down the evidences of prosperity which confronted them on all sides. When a Democrat was brought face-to-face with prosperity he sheok like an aspen leaf.

After some further remarks by Mr. Williams, Democrat, Mississippi, and Mr. Gaines, Democrat, Tennessee, the general debate closed and the bill was read for amendment under the five-minute rule.

With only one unimportant amendment the committee rose and the bill was passed.

The Senate amendments to the Legislative, Executive and Judical Appropriation bill were disagreed to and the bill was sent to conference.

At 3.45 P. M., the House adjourned.

The President has nominated Ada Hunter postmaster ai Kinston, N. C.

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FEDERAL COURT CONVENES.

Lusk Tells the Governor He Will Not Accept Appointment as Judge of Criminal Court to Succeed Ewart—Other Raleigh News.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 7.

Federal Court convenes here tomorrow in adjourned session for the trial of civil cases. The new district attorney, C. M. Bernard, is expected to be on hand to hold his first court. As yet he has not resigned as solicitor.

V. S. Lusk writes the Governor that he would not accept the appointment as Judge of the Western Criminal Court, to succeed Judge Ewart. Ed. Carter, the police justice, it is expected will get the appointment.

Your correspondent had a look at the expense account of the Railway Commissioners to-day. Some of the items will no doubt attract attention over the State. A few of them are given herewith: "John H. Pearson, travelling expenses over Southern Railway (one mileage back) $25; L. C. Caldwell, travelling expenses from September 23 to December 23, $40.80; James Mott, for services to Railroad Commission, holding and guarding office, $25; John H. Pearson, travelling expenses paid Southern Railway, Seaboard and Carolina & Western, $62.80; T. F. Brockwell, for opening, repairing, furnishing and putting in locks, $10.40; L. C. Caldwell and J. H. Pearson, for transportation, $50."

A director of the A. & N. C. road says no proposition has ever been received from the Southern or any other road for a lease of the property. He says all he knows about the matter is what he sees in the papers.

All the office-holding Populists here at the Capitol are unanimous in the belief that the Republicans and Populists will fuse in the coming campaign. None of them doubt for a moment but that this will be done.

Many improvements are being made at the Cumnock coal mines since the new owners acquired control. Mr. S. A. Henszey is still the manager. The output is 200 tons per day, the largest in the history of the mines. The new owners will put in a shaft with 1,000 tons daily capacity.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The Supreme Court licenses forty-six young lawyers. Thirteen waited to pass an examination more rigid than usual. Among those licensed are Eugene Guthrie, Brunswick county; C. M. Faircloth, of Sampson; A. M. Scott, J. R. Starnes, Brooke G. Empie, of New Hanover; J. B. Seymour and R. A. Nunn, of Craven.

The Secretary of State has incorporated the Worth Company, of Wilmington, with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars, to engage in general merchandising. The incorporators are B. G. Worth, Mrs. Julia A. Worth, Chas. W., Jas. S. and George C. Worth.

A PEANUT COMBINED

An Evansville, Indiana, Dealer Endeavoring to Form a Trust.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., February 7.—W. H. Small, an Evansville, Ind., peanut cleaner, has been here endeavoring to form a trust of all peanut factories, eighteen in Virginia and seven in the West. He also contemplates if successful, the closing up of those factories not paying or unnecessary. No steps have been taken by the Norfolk operators, and Mr. Small has gone to New York, for the purpose, it is stated, of securing some firm there to undertake the work of attempting to effect the organization.

WARM WIRELETS.

Highland Park hotel, a noted winter resort at Aiken, S. C., was burned Sunday morning. Loss, $140,000 on building and furniture. Insurance, $100,000.

The magnificent Catholic cathedral of St. John the Baptist, at Savannah, destroyed by fire Sunday night. The building cost $225,000. Insurance, $60,000.

A fire on the wharf in Savannah, Sunday evening, entailed a loss of $125,000. The principal sufferers were C. A. Conlin & C.; John Flennery; Herman Myers; Dixon, Mitchell & Co. and the G. and A. railroad. Nearly all the prsperty was well insured.

A Mad Cat.

A correspondent of the STAR, writing from Point Caswell yesterday, says:

Mrs. L. Vollers and her daughter, Miss Minnie Vollers, came near being bitten by a mad cat last Saturday morning at 6 o'clock. The cat attacked them viciously and showed every sign of hydrophobia. They were badly frightened, but had presence of mind enough to run into a large chicken coop, and in this way escaped the dangerous beast.

THE WALTERS ART GALLERY.

Mr. Henry Walters Buys Some Famous Paintings,

BALTIMORE, MD., February 6.—Mr. Henry Walters, the well known art collector of this city, is reported here to be the purchaser at the Stewart sale, in New York last night, of the famous painting by Fortuny, entitled "Arab Fantasia," for which he paid $12,000. He is also understood to have purchased Rica's "A Spanish Garden," at $1,100, and Fortuny's "Cafe of the Swallows" for $3,100. The pictures will be placed in his gallery here.

Mr. Skelding Weds To-day.

Mr. A. B. Skelding, manager for the Wilmington Street Railway Company, will be married to-day in Washington City to Miss Ames. His employes have given him a handsome wedding present in the shape of a solid silver pitcher.

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DECLINES MEDIATION

The Spanish Premier Refuses to Admit That Spain is Unable to Suppress the Cuban Insurrection.

CHICAGO, February 6.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says:

"Premier Sagasta has declined the third offer of friendly mediation on the part of the United States. This information was conveyed in a cipher message received from Minister Woodfood by President McKinley on Friday.

"The message was a most unusual one. Instead of being addressed to the Secretary of State, it was addressed to the President, a thing which has not happened since Consul General Lee's famous cablegrams to President Cleveland nearly a year ago.

"This cablegram from Woodford was not long, but recited the fact that Premier Sagasta refused to admit that Spain had reached the end of her rope in Cuba; that she was unable to suppress the insurrection; that autonomy was a failure; or that she needed the assistance of the United States in bringing the Cuban struggle to an end."

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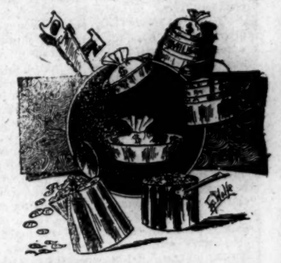

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